

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 152

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A RESOLUTION to commend Michelle York Shrader for her meritorious service to the citizens of this State.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those circumspect individuals who take as their personal charge the interpretation, preservation, and promotion of the history of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Michelle York Shrader, a celebrated scholar of Tennessee history who was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association, an honor most befitting her commitment to safeguarding Tennessee's history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Military Academy (CMA) was established in 1904 in Columbia; it was previously a training facility and quarters for Spanish-American War troops, serving that function until around 1900; CMA earned Honor School rating in 1935 and maintained such rating until the final days of the military presence in 1975. Now known as Columbia Academy (CA), the school is a private, college preparatory, co-educational Christian school for students in grades Pre-K-12; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, Ms. Shrader has been a part of the family at CA, first as a fourth-grade teacher (1988-1993) and then as a seventh-grade social studies and Tennessee history teacher (2008-present); she has also taught eighth-grade girl's Bible class for the past eleven years; and

WHEREAS, her innumerable contributions to the school include serving as CA Upper School tennis coach from 1988 to 1993 and as a member of the Bulldogs United Steering Committee, an anti-bullying initiative; she also founded the school's Encouragement Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Michelle Shrader was named the 2018 CA Upper School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, born in Louisville, Kentucky, Ms. Shrader is a cousin of Sergeant Alvin C. York, giving her a vested, personal interest in the history of this State; her passion for the history of her adopted home state is unparalleled, and her gift for handing down the stories and history of Tennessee and Columbia Military Academy makes her an invaluable asset to her school and this State; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Michelle Shrader is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Chris Shrader, and their children, Christian, Leah, Sutherland, McKenna, and Cassidy Shrader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrader is an exceptional steward of the history of this State and most assuredly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Michelle York Shrader for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee through her interpretation, preservation, and promotion of the history of this State, extending our gratitude and our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.